

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL
ROOM 400**

7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

MINUTES

Attendance: Members Chuck Andrew (Vice Chair), Judy Borden (Chair), Helga Gordon, Judy Wyman Kelly (Secretary/Acting Chair), David Knishkowsky, Mary Ann Langton, Margaret Liu, Karyl Shaughnessy. Town Liaison, Marcia Lewis.

1. **Minutes.** It was moved (David K) and seconded (Chuck A) that the minutes from 11.5.14 meeting be approved with no changes. The vote passed unanimously.
2. **New member.** Helga Gordon was welcomed.
3. **Election of officers.** It was moved (Margaret L) and seconded (David K) that Judy B. be nominated as Chair. The vote passed unanimously. It was moved (David K) and seconded (Judy B) that Chuck be nominated as Vice Chair. The vote passed unanimously.
4. **MLK Day.** Judy K, Commission liaison to the MLK Day Committee, provided an update on the Jan 19 program. The Commission decided to request a table in the front foyer to catch people as they arrived and left the program. The table will have a mailing list sign-up sheet, a suggestion box, and Commission business cards with our facebook address. Conard students attending the Commission meeting were invited to help out as well.
5. **Mascot Issue.** Judy K gave an update on the student-led efforts to retire public school use of the Native mascot/images/names. The Commission discussed ways to help facilitate conversations and decided to revisit possibilities at the next Commission meeting, March 3, following the Public Forum hosted by the Board of Education on Feb. 12, 7-9 pm.
6. **Meeting with Dr. Andrea Kandel at the National Conference for Community Justice.** David K. reported on his meeting with Dr. Kandel and her suggestion that the Commission hold a retreat to get to know each other better. The Commission agreed and several members volunteered to start the planning process.
7. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
8. **Next meeting.** Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 7 pm, Town Hall, room 400.

Minutes submitted by Judy Wyman Kelly